

# Torrance Tartars Play L.A. Poly Here Tomorrow Afternoon

## Sport Shots

By Bob Lewellen

### Local Boys Win Soap Box Derby

Featured by some wheel-to-wheel finishes that kept the judges on edge throughout the afternoon, the Harbor District Soap Box Derby finals Saturday on the Sepulveda boulevard hill off Hawthorne avenue provided a thrill with every race for the crowd of nearly 2,000 that lined the course.

Nearly 30 of the best boy-racers in seven communities—Bell sent some last-minute entries—sped down the hill to glory as police and American Legionnaires kept the crowd back from the race lanes. The championship event went off without a hitch and no accident marred the inaugural annual event. Shortly before the final dashes, boys of Wilmington and San Pedro competed to determine which four would represent the port cities in the races between Torrance, Lomita, Waverly, Harbor City, Gardena and Bell's stellar craftsmen and drivers.

The winners for Class A for boys 13 to 15 years old: Bill Buckley, sponsored by Harder's Market of Torrance, first; Harold Kerber, sponsored by Ed Thompson's Chevrolet agency of Torrance, second; C. L. Murray, sponsored by Adolph's Garage of Waverly, third.

The winners for Class B for boys nine to 12 years old: Roy Crawford, sponsored by the Christensen's Garage of Harbor City, first; Frank Whiting, sponsored by Mullin's Service station of Torrance, second; Jimmy Crampton, sponsored by the Gardena Coordinating Council, third.

A special race was held between the winners of the Class A and B events and George Winters, sponsored by the Torrance Fire department, and this ended in a dead heat with Buckley and Winters flashing across the finish line at the same time and Crawford was a close third.

Protests Allowed Those entered in the Class A event were: Buckley, Kerber, Bill Landsdowne, Morris Shalman of Torrance; Robert Estes and John Gallerato of Lomita; Burnell Holt and Helge Ronning of San Pedro; Robert Forrester of Bell; Bob Billand of Harbor City; Robert Larson and C. L. Murray of Waverly; Jack Vales of Gardena.

Class B entries were: Frank Whiting of Torrance; George Brady and Richard Reese of San Pedro; Andrew Winn and D. C. Osborne of Lomita; Ray Crawford of Harbor City; Jimmy Crampton of Gardena; Jack Perry of Bell.

Prizes for the event were a set of carpenter's tools and chest, valued at about \$12.50, for each first place and a \$5 order for athletic equipment for each second place winner.

Torrance had four instead of two Class A entrants because young Buckley and young Kerber were allowed to join the finals by decision of the general Derby committee. They had protested their race in community preliminaries which were held Sept. 25. At that time the racers took off in a straight line which allowed nothing for the curve of the hill. Young George Winters and his Torrance Fire department sponsored racer were eliminated because the committee officials questioned each at the because of whether he had built his car himself. Because George truthfully answered that his machine was not his own make, he was banned from the regular races but was allowed to compete in the special event between the champs of the two divisions. He tied with Buckley in this race.

Excellent Management Members of the Derby committee, who believed they had "learned a lot" from the aftermath of the preliminaries the week before, found that even with improvements on the start, much better arrangements for handling the crowd and increased supervision their troubles weren't over. Bill Landsdowne, whose speedy racer outdistanced all competitors in the prelims was unable to negotiate a fast start from the

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### Compton Booked for Final Practice Game on Oct. 12

Intensive drill on the tricky assignments that Coach Roy Cochran has evolved for his first Tartar football squad was in progress this week in preparation for the Torrance gridders' first home showing this season.

Tomorrow (Friday) afternoon they will be seen in action against the powerful Los Angeles Poly varsity on Torrance field. The game will start at 3 o'clock and those who have been wondering what Cochran is doing with the abundance of Tartar material may see then what has been transpiring in the past few weeks of practice.

The Poly varsity, judging from its pre-season showings in its own Southern league, is about three or four touchdowns stronger than the Tartars on paper. But paper standings crumple in the heat of actual combat and there are those who are willing to "lay it on the line" today that the local inds will take the Poly eleven tomorrow.

Coach Cochran has booked one more practice game—that with the Compton 11th graders at Compton's Ramsur field for Tuesday, Oct. 12. Compton defeated both Gardena and Narbonne recently and the Tartars' showing should be a good lead on the Red and Gray's chances in Marine league competition this fall, starting with the opening game at Narbonne on Oct. 22.

Last Thursday afternoon the Tartars traveled to Jordan high in Watts and there battled a practice contest that showed a lot of things besides its 2 to 0 decision in favor of Jordan. The safety score came in the third quarter after the Tartars, also hampered by stage-fright and lack of complete assimilation of Cochran's plays, had battled the Jordans on even ground.

A Jordan punt from its own 20-yard line, carried by a strong wind, sailed over Madore's head. Madore was safety man for the Tartars. It rolled down toward the Tartars' goal line and Goetz thinking that Madore had touched it to make it a free ball, raced after the pigskin. He

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### Gauchos Lose to Compton, 12-0 Friday

Narbonne's coaching staff headed by the redoubtable Ben Comrada went into a star chamber session immediately after the practice game between the Lomita Gauchos and Compton's 11th graders last Friday and emerged to drill the Gauchos in some of the most intensive practice sessions yet held on the Griffin field greensward, this week.

The grid mentors, Comrada, Phil Lieb and Wayne Sloss, had seen their 1937 machine crumple under Compton's slashing attacks and lose, 12 to 0. Compton's squad put over its touchdowns in the first and third quarters.

This week the Gauchos found the going tough as Comrada and staff sought to work out a ground-gaining combination for the Long Beach Poly practice fracas which comes off tomorrow (Friday) at 3 o'clock at Lomita.

### Fans See Neva Lose to Brown Bombers

A number of local night ball fans went to Los Angeles Monday night to see Joe Louis' Brown Bombers in action. They saw Louie Neva, famed pitcher who once led the Torrance Bluebirds to a state championship, lose the game to the heavy-weight boxing champ's squad. Louie's brother, Paul, was catching for the L. A. team opposing the Negro nine.

### Pedro Pirates Lose to Loyola Cubs

San Pedro high school's Pirates dropped a 13 to 6 game to the Loyola Cubs at Navy Field Friday afternoon. The Pirates weakened in the final eight minutes of the 40-minute practice encounter when the Cubs marched 90 yards to take the game.

The Pedro varsity appeared vastly improved from the week before and shot into the lead early in the first quarter when Duke Reynolds tallied from the one-yard line after the ball had been moved down from the 31-yard stripe. A crowd of 2,000 witnessed the game.

### LOMITA MERCHANTS START TITLE DEFENSE OCTOBER 17

The Southern California baseball tournament will start Oct. 17 with 32 teams playing 16 games to get into the semi-finals, according to Manager Walt Morris whose Lomita Merchants are entered in the contest to determine the regional championship. The eight best teams with the highest percentage after 16 games are played will enter an elimination series and the two final teams a three-game series for the title.

The Lomita Merchants have won this honor for the last two years and Morris is determined to defend it with a stellar aggregation of players. He said this week that the first four engagements for his Merchants in this coming series are: with Richfield Oilers, Oct. 17; Chill Bowl, Oct. 24; Follies Theatre, Oct. 31; R. K. O., Nov. 7, and Hollywood Painters, Nov. 14.

Next Sunday the Lomitans will meet the Sunset Gasoline squad. Last Sunday the Merchants defeated George's Auto Service team, 8 to 7. The winning run was scored in the ninth inning. Singles by Hamilton, who pitched the first two innings and then took first base when Patalano took the mound, and Patalano and two wild pitches by George's Weber allowed the tying and winning run to come in.

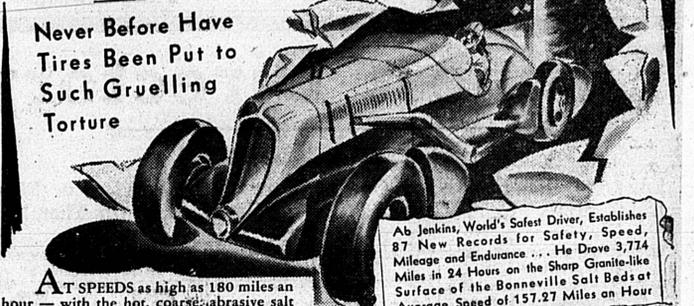
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### GAUCHO BEES LOSE

The Narbonne B team's first practice game, with Long Beach Poly high, which was played on Griffin field recently, ended in a 14 to 14 tie. The Poly boys scored their touchdowns in the first quarter while the Gauchos in the second and third quarters managed to tie the score.

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